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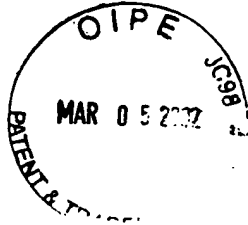
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2001, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for responding is extended by the attached petition. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 14 and 15 as indicated below. A marked up copy showing changes to the claims is attached hereto.

~~Claim 1 (Amended). A thermoplastic composite panel, comprising a base transparent thermoplastic layer, conducting the light, having a thickness generally in the range 3-40 mm and a diffusing light layer, having a thickness in the range 10-1500 micron, placed on one or both surfaces of the base layer, said diffusing layer constituted by thermoplastic~~

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